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Introduction and first reading

Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

A bill for an act 1.1

relating to campaign finance; prohibiting the solicitation or acceptance of a digital 1 2 unit of exchange for political campaign purposes; providing civil and criminal 1.3 1.4 penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [10.161] DIGITAL CURRENCY PROHIBITION.

An individual, political committee, political fund, principal campaign committee, or party unit may not solicit or accept from any source a contribution or donation of any digital unit of exchange, including but not limited to bitcoin, that is not backed by a government-issued legal tender. An individual, political committee, political fund, principal 1.10 campaign committee, or party unit that knowingly solicits or accepts any digital unit of 1.11 exchange is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the board of up to \$3,000. A person who 1.12 knowingly accepts any digital unit of exchange in violation of this section is guilty of a 1.13 felony. 1.14

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